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## WEATHER BULLETIN.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—For Lower Michigan.—Showers, variable winds.

## RELIEF FOR SPRING LAKE.

From the first reports of the fire in which Spring Lake was devastated the hearty conclusion was formed that no actual distress would be experienced by the inhabitants. It appears, however, that serious distress does exist among the sixty-five families made homeless by the flames.

Already the Cutler & Savidge company has donated \$500 for the relief of the needy. A systematic effort will be made to secure enough additional contributions to establish a fund sufficient to meet the exigencies of the poor persons who lost everything in the fire.

The Rev. Mr. Frye visited Spring Lake yesterday, and upon the invitation of the village council met with it to discuss the situation. At such meeting it was reluctantly decided to ask for outside help. Mr. Frye was then commissioned to present the subject to Mayor Stuart and to urge upon him the necessity of extending substantial aid to the inhabitants in the calamity they are called upon to face.

Mayor Stuart will need no urging. When the facts are laid before him he will be prompt to act. Anticipating his action The Herald suggests that spontaneous and voluntary relief in the form of checks or cash be forwarded to the mayor, by him to be sent to the chairman of the Spring Lake relief committee.

The citizens of this city always respond nobly to such calls. Spring Lake is not so remotely situated that we have no immediate sympathy with its people in their affliction. They need help, and need it right away. Who will be the first one to respond?

## BANK FAILURES.

To those familiar with the organization and management of the Rockford bank, its suspension is not a cause for surprise. It is one of the parts to the combination of banking interests whose nucleus is in the Columbia, which is now bankrupt. The whole system is so saturated with questionable speculation it is difficult to form even an approximate estimate of its real ramifications. Enough is known of its methods to justify the belief that it was conceived by dishonest men, maintained and operated by dishonest dealings and failed when it could no longer deceive its patrons by its promises. The investigation of the parent concern discloses the startling fact that its owners are men whose financial successes earlier in life came through bucket shop operations. This alone is sufficient to discredit the institution.

The news columns contain a succinct story of the enterprise and daring of the owners of the system which is now a monumental wreck. The failure of the Rockford bank will seriously affect its depositors, but it is probable that in the hands of a provisionally disinterested man will suffer heavy losses. It is believed that prudence and confidence will forestall any considerable loss to anybody. It is reassuring to note that in the crash of these wildcat banks no well-established institutions are imperiled. A great chain of banks, organized for similar ends is disrupted, but the other banks are unimpaired and undisturbed. There is no occasion for alarm among local bank depositors. Every one of our banks is as solid as the rocks of Gibraltar.

## BRICE SUBBED.

Senator Brice has been among the democrats "outside the breasteries" ever since the new administration began business. The other day the president, seemingly in a spirit of conciliation, asked Mr. Brice to name a good man for third auditor of the treasury. Mr. Brice submitted three names, either of which would have been satisfactory to him.

Several days later, much to the senator's chagrin, the appointment was given to John C. Bailey, known to all Ohio people as a bitter personal enemy of Mr. Brice, making it appear that he had been asked to recommend a man for the place who would be snubbed. Mr. Bailey declined the position, but that did not affect the open affront put upon Mr. Brice, who later remarked significantly: "Then the man with the longest credit has to face a day of settlement some time."

Brice was one of the men at Chicago who looked upon Cleveland's nomination as a calamity. After the convention adjourned and the campaign was begun Brice was one of the men who sat on the fence prepared to drop either way, but finally to drop on the "I told you so" side. He should be very

thankful that Grover did not drop him more heavily than he did in appointing the gentleman to the hotel-keeper's name.

To be so politely snubbed is an honor that Brice ought to appreciate. Cleveland might have given the place to a republican had he desired to humiliate Brice. But Bailey would not take the place and Brice may brace up and smugly an Ohio mugwump into it disguised as a personal enemy. Then the laugh would be on Grover.

## TRUE TO THE FAITH.

Considerable factious discussion of the Louisville republican league meeting appears in the democrat papers. The burden of this facetiousness is based on the election of Chairman Carter and the speech of Mr. Clarkson.

Secretly the democrats are dismayed at the boldness with which the republicans reaffirm their fidelity to the principles of protection. They discover in the present condition of the government and in the prospects for the immediate future no alternative but to carry out the policies inaugurated and executed by republicans. They dare not tinker with the tariff, because high as it is, the revenues are not in excess of disbursements for maintaining the government.

Started by their helplessness in the presence of hard questions of finance and administration they seek to divert attention from the pitifully weak statesmanship of Cleveland and his cabinet by cheap ridicule of Clarkson and Carter. But it will fail of its purpose.

Mr. Carter is an astute organizer and a wonderful executive. With the people educated as to the facts and not blinded by prejudice, he is an invincible leader. Mr. Clarkson has passed the meridian of his political glory. Strong and robust when in active successful leadership, he loses his head when defeat overwhelms the party. He was wise enough to absolve the party from responsibility for his speech, but not wise enough to remain silent. The party promptly disclaimed sympathy with his explosive oratory on the money and Hawaiian questions.

The republican party is stronger to-day than any factor with erratic tendencies within it. It is committed to the same policies and will remain loyal to the same principles it has stubbornly defended since the first gun was fired at Sumpter. The facetiousness of democrat newspapers will fall pulseless and dead.

Neighbors and friends of Judge Morse, regardless of political ties, tendered him a farewell banquet at Ionia last evening. The affair was so thoroughly generous and hearty Judge Morse must part from his friends with some degree of reluctance. He will soon depart for his new post of duty as consul at Glasgow, where he will enjoy some thing of the rest and relaxation his long continued activity demands. To leave his home to the music of loving adieus from personal friends and political opponents is a tribute to personal worth rarely accorded to public men. It is just like the great-souled and noble-hearted Ionia to thus show their regard for the distinguished jurist who has resided most of his life in their midst.

AGAIN the ocean record has been broken. The Campania, the new Cunard steamship, made the trip from New York to Queenstown in five days, seven hours and forty-two minutes. The efforts of steamship companies to break the records may appear questionable in view of the seemingly apparent danger, and yet the accidents to the ocean greyhounds are fewer and less serious than those happening to the slow going vessels.

In a transport of partisan enthusiasm, Mr. White harshly referred to the inmates of the Soldiers' home as having been colonized in this district to elect republican congressmen. With the subsidence of his enthusiasm Mr. White will regret the ardor he displayed in offering an insult to the veterans.

Judge Pick of Jackson, quashed the information against Gill, charged with criminal negligence, because of the insufficiency of the pleading. By this decision the prosecution of the prison officials, through whose negligence Latimer killed Keeper Haight and escaped, is brought to a standstill.

New York presbyterians ask for a less speculative creed. Evidently the good presbyterians of Newark do not understand that if creeds were not chiefly speculation there would be no sect in the Christian religion, and they themselves would be even as methodists, baptists and quakers.

No matter how desirable it may be to annex Montana to Kent and Ottawa to constitute a congressional district, Kent protests against the scheme. For reasons based upon our commercial future we will never consent to be divorced from Ionia.

Having decided to throw open the world's fair gates on Sunday that visit may mean through the grounds, the next step will be to throw open the buildings. The vote on the opening resolution was surprisingly large.

SECRETARY CLARKSON is removing all the republican chiefs of bureaus and heads of divisions. Perhaps their knowledge of financial matters makes them detrimental to the administration's policy.

Low-scoring policemen think that more gold and less bread would be a more substantial token of esteem. The fire captains join in the sentiment. Can it be that a strike is imminent?

SEN. CHARLES RUSSELL, lost his temper yesterday in the Behring sea arbitration case. A man who can listen to forty hours of Mr. Carter's speech ought to be able to endure anything.

## AID TO SPRING LAKE

## Relief Must Be Extended to the Fire Sufferers.

## A COMMITTEE IS APPOINTED

Mayor Stuart Will Be Asked to Invite Contributions From Citizens of Grand Rapids.

"The worst has not been told about the Spring Lake fire," said the Rev. W. A. Frye last night.

There are sixty-five families that are homeless. Most of them lost everything they had in the world—house, furniture, bedding, clothes—everything but the bare ground upon which the buildings stood. Some of them have not even a tin cup left to show that they once had some at least of the equipment of a home. Many persons are absolutely destitute. They have nothing to eat and no place to go. Kind-hearted citizens of the ill-fated village are doing what they can for their unfortunate fellow townsmen, but they cannot furnish the relief needed.

"At 10 o'clock this morning the council held a special session and invited me to meet with the members. A relief committee was appointed to solicit aid for the needy and it will do all it can in behalf of the desperate inhabitants of the village. Cutler & Savidge generously subscribed \$500 to the relief fund, and other magnanimous citizens will assist in the work."

They asked me to bring a statement properly signed to the mayor of this city for his consideration, which I have done. Grand Rapids I hope and believe will respond generously to the call of the devastated village. The town certainly must have outside aid. Nobody who has seen it will dispute the statement for an instant. The village treasury is depleted and the citizens alone are not able to meet the emergency. I believe that all that is necessary is to call public attention to the necessity for aid and the philanthropic residents of Grand Rapids will immediately respond to the call. Anything and everything will be acceptable. The fire sufferers have lost everything and must begin anew, so there is little that can come amiss. Contributions of money, clothing, groceries, flour, bedding, all articles of food will gladly be accepted. Enno J. Prum is chairman of the relief committee and contributions may be sent to him. The call for aid is urgent and authorized. Grand Rapids will respond."

## Broke His Thigh Bone.

Albert Birdsell of Walker township, living one mile north of the Centennial schoolhouse, and formerly keeper of the toll house on the Walker gravel road, was kicked yesterday morning by a horse and his right thigh was broken. A surgeon was called from the city to attend him.

## DR. BOISE PRESIDENT.

He Was Elected Head of the Michigan Medical Society.

MUSKOGEE, Mich., May 12.—Dr. Eugene Boise of Grand Rapids was elected president of the Michigan Medical Society at this morning's session of the convention. Other officers elected were: First vice president, A. H. Kimball, Battle Creek; second, C. T. Southworth, Monroe; third, S. A. Ford, Midland; fourth, J. M. Cook, Muskegon.

Secretary, C. W. Hitchcock, Detroit. Treasurer, W. G. Henry, Detroit. Judicial Council—G. V. Chamberlain, Flint; D. H. Wood, Quincy; J. M. Snook, Kalamazoo.

Minor changes were made in the by-laws. The afternoon was taken up by the reading of papers. In the section on medicine the two first papers were one by Victor C. Vaughn on "Gastric Ulcer" and another by David Inglis upon "Successful Results in the Treatment of Epilepsy."

In the section of surgery C. B. Nancrede opened out with a paper of brief surgical notes on surgical cases of interest, among them cases of successful operations for stone. Dr. Groner followed upon "The Surgeon as an Expert Witness." The section on midwifery and gynecology first heard a lecture by E. B. Robinson, Chicago, illustrated by blackboard sketches upon "Why One Remains an Abdominal Tumor."

Laurens was selected as the next meeting place.

## SWEEP BY A CYCLONE.

A Funnel-Shaped Cloud Tears Up Livingston County.

FARMERS, Mich., May 12.—Several farms east of this village were devastated by a cyclone this morning. The storm started at 2 o'clock and moved in a westerly direction. It first struck the farm of Louis Dwyer, destroying the barn, outbuildings, orchard and crops. Then it struck the premises of William Thompson and William Placeway, half a mile further east. Completely leveling a mile farm buildings, orchards and windmills. Several persons were hurt, but not seriously, though many horses and sheep were killed. The damage on the farms is estimated at \$15,000. John Fitch's horse, one mile farther east, was also completely wrecked, and not a post was left standing, but the family, consisting of seven persons, were not badly hurt.

## Detroit's Boodle Cases.

DETROIT, Mich., May 12.—The examination of William H. Fitzgerald, manager of the Detroit Electric Light company, on the charge of attempting to bribe members of the common council, was begun in the police court this morning. Some of the best legal talent of the city was present representing the defense. City Clerk Foster was the first witness, but gave no important testimony. The next person called was Alderman Prutina, who made the charge against Fitzgerald. He said Fitzgerald told him it would be worth \$1,000 to him to vote as they wished, and gave him \$200 on the spot. Fitzgerald told him the company was very anxious to secure three years contract for lighting the city, because they had the commercial lighting and could do it cheaper. The defense cross examination tried to bring out facts which would tend to show up the witness' character in the worst light possible, and show that he was not above reproach, but in this they were not altogether successful. The examination was adjourned till Monday.

## Didn't Like Preachers.

JACKSON, Mich., May 12.—The will of the late James M. Morse of Leoni leaves his \$20,000 property to his wife, his son Thomas R. and his daughter Mary Ann Morse, with the stipulation that in case the children die without issue the property

needs of the farm are to go to an orphan asylum for children under 12 and over 5 years of age. "No priest or minister shall have anything to do or say with the management of the funds."

## W. C. T. U. Elect Officers.

MUSKOGEE, Mich., May 12.—The principle feature of the day's work at the W. C. T. U. convention was the election of the remaining officers. It led a memorial to Governor Rich asking that two women be appointed to the board of control of the Adrian industrial school. Mrs. Lizzie M. Johnson of Flint was re-elected to the office of recording secretary and Mrs. Emma H. May of Clio was re-elected treasurer.

## Founders of the Law School.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., May 12.—Yesterday the fine life-sized oil painting of Judges I. C. Walker and J. B. Campbell were hung along side of that of Judge Cooley on the walls of the law lecture room. These three constituted the original faculty of the law college.

## Game Law Violators.

EDMONT, Mich., May 12.—State Game Warden Hampton personally shot after the violators of the game law in this section and has secured the right parties in every area. W. E. Kirby was the last one nailed and his fine was \$50.

## Assaulted by Her Husband.

HILLSDALE, Mich., May 12.—Mrs. Peter Havens of Somerset township is in a critical condition from injuries said to have been inflicted by her husband in a murderous assault.

## State News in Brief.

Smoke was seen issuing from the house of Jacob Schan at Benton Harbor. The fire department drenched everything valuable in the house and found that a lot of rags in a closet were the cause of the smoke. All the damage was caused by water.

James Meyers of Leoni died a few days ago, and his will has been proved in Michigan, tapping the will on a Mr. Blake's farm just out of Niles and left twenty-five dry batteries behind them.

In the Jackson circuit court Thursday motions were made to quash the indictment against Maurice P. Gil, charged with criminal negligence in allowing Latimer to escape. Judge Peck took the case under advisement.

Miss L. M. Williams, a prominent Port Huron milliner, was discovered shoplifting the other day and made to return the goods. She was also given an opportunity to settle for articles which had been missed before.

Lyman Burkhardt, who was sentenced for life for killing his uncle, was released from Jackson Thursday, his sentence having been commuted to eighteen years. Burkhardt was 15 years old when convicted.

The swindlers who robbed the four branches of the Chicago Public Produce & Stock Exchange, tapped the wire on a Mr. Blake's farm just out of Niles and left twenty-five dry batteries behind them.

Andrew O'Brien of Saginaw is charged by Cora Connell with being the father of her unborn child. Cora alleges that O'Brien promised to pay \$10 a week for her support and as he has not she sued him.

Keeper Potter of the Erie Shooting club, who was fearfully beaten by poachers May 1, died at Monroe of his injuries Wednesday. Three brothers named Kramer are to be arrested.

Charles Munday of Osceola has been arrested for adultery with his 15-year-old niece. The girl is very ill, and it is thought she is suffering from an attempted criminal operation.

George Osborne, who is lying in the Liberty jail awaiting trial for burglary, attempted to escape and had made a big hole in the wall when caught by the sheriff.

Irving Latimer will have an opportunity to leave the solitary. He has been sentenced as a witness in the trial of Guard Gill for criminal negligence.

Mrs. S. J. McKinnon of Bay City was robbed of \$27.50 the other day. Thursday's mail brought a letter containing the exact sum. It was postmarked Saginaw.

## STATE PRESS SENTIMENT.

It is perhaps extraordinary for a man from Michigan to visit the world's fair and return with \$700 in his pocket, but it ought not to cause one to become demoralized, as did Albert Butterfield of Saginaw yesterday. Albert must have had a narrow escape. Jackson Courier-Sin.

It is purely a question of personal preference whether it is better to escape from prison and lead a life of crime, or pay the penalty of murder by being electrocuted. Recent events at Sing Sing show that opinion on this matter is equally divided. Detroit Free Press.

Warden Chamberlain evidently intends to institute a few reforms in connection with the Jackson state prison. Deputies and other subordinate officers will come to understand after a while that there is a head to the prison management after all. Bay City Tribune.

In an Ohio divorce suit the petitioner declares that her husband has allowed her but one new bonnet in the thirty-four years since her marriage. No other evidence, to give the woman the relief asked, ought to be required. Saginaw Courier-Herald.

The reported unpopularity of James S. Clarkson with the national republican club does not seem to have been founded. He was unanimously re-elected chairman. Kalamazoo Gazette.

## HOT AND MISS BRIEFS.

Do you know anybody except your self who is always good tempered, perfectly truthful, sincere and honest, and has courteous manners besides? Plattsburg Telegram.

If silence is golden, sending Counsel Carter to Paris cannot be charged up under the head of shipping gold out of the country. Kansas City Journal.

Abolish reciprocity and give us as near an approach to free trade as the necessities of our government justify. Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Brussels monetary conference will probably reconvene immediately after the close of the millennium. Boston Herald.

The Texan who confessed to 245 murders, begged for pardon. For being such a liar, doubtless. New York Recorder.

The Georgia colonels have caught their second wind, and are again lining up to the pie counter. Washington Post.

In the future an aggravated case of the big head will be listed as the "Pennyroyal." New York World.

A boy doesn't know what a thing is for if he isn't allowed to break it. Atchison Globe.

## NOT AS A PLATFORM

## Perry F. Powers Explains the Louisville Resolutions.

## THEY ARE SUBJECTS FOR STUDY

And Are to Be Carefully Considered by the Young Republicans of the Country.

Perry F. Powers, editor of the Cadillac News and Express, arrived in The Morton last night on his way home from the Louisville convention of the republican clubs. "There can be no question concerning the wisdom of holding the convention," said Mr. Powers. "If he here the enthusiasm and earnestness inspired in Louisville will do an incalculable amount toward giving the republican party a national victory in 1908. There were 1,500 young men present from all parts of the union, and the resolution that they received at the convention will not be lost in the campaign to come."

"I haven't seen any northern republican papers since I have been away, but the southern republican papers seem to have a wrong conception of the object and purpose of the resolutions. Many of them conceived them to be in the nature of a party platform, and under this misapprehension, have vigorously assailed and ridiculed certain clauses. I picked up a Dayton paper on the way home and it enthusiastically lambasted the resolutions in favor of women's suffrage. Now, this is wrong. The resolutions were not intended to form the foundation for a party platform. The league is educational in character and each of the resolutions is a question to be discussed and considered. Nobody dreamed of putting them forth as the exact embodiment of republican principles, but every resolution pertains to a question of national importance and deserves the careful consideration of every thoughtful citizen."

"Mrs. J. Ellen Foster made her plea in behalf of women's suffrage, and it was an eloquent appeal. The subject of importance, and nobody has any right to treat it with ridicule. It is something that every voter should weigh carefully and then decide for himself whether he favors it or does not. The same is true of the other resolutions. They are to be studied and thought over—not to be accepted as divinely inspired principles of republicanism."

"Certain republican editors have treated Mr. Clarkson's address rather savagely, but to me it seems in many ways an able production. There is one point in particular which he brought out with convincing clearness. He was discussing the race problem and referred to the fact that the colored race would have to take care of itself. The Alabama democrats have appointed negroes. Northern democrats have elected negroes. President Cleveland has appointed them and the south not infrequently sends negroes to the legislature. The old bugbear of negro domination is still used to influence northerners, but negro domination in the south is an impossibility. The southern democrats do not fear the negro, and they do not object to his holding office because he is a republican negro. If he is a democrat he is all right. It is only the republican negroes whom the democrats consider dangerous to the safety of the government. If the entire colored race would come to the democratic ticket there never would be any more negro troubles and election outrages in the south. Mr. Clarkson brought this out very clearly, and it is apparent to everybody familiar with the race question in the south."

"Horses have the same diseases that human beings have," said Samuel A. Browne of Kalamazoo in The Morton yesterday, to report for The Herald. "They do," continued Mr. Browne, and Don J. Leathers, who was sitting beside Senator Stockbridge's genial partner, assented to the statement. "This has been a good winter for horses, and they have not been troubled with malaria. The air has been very cold, but dry, and there has been very little sickness. After a damp winter horses are troubled with malaria the same as the rest of us. They have an aguish chill, followed by a high fever. The mouth and throat become parched and I've no doubt the head aches, too. In fact, I know my horses feel about the same when malaria attacks them as I do when it gets hold of me. They have the grip too. The grip is nothing in the world but horse disease. They manifest the same symptoms, and behave like all the rest of us do. Colds and sore throats are common things with horses, and the poor animals seem to be affected even more by them than we are. I can imagine a horse's having almost any disease that attacks humanity. Budd Doble has Belle Vera," said Mr. Browne, as the conversation drifted to the famous little mare that is the pride of the Kalamazoo stable. "He has entered her in the \$15,000 free-for-all in Chicago and in the \$25,000 free-for-all in Buffalo. That shows he must have confidence in her. I don't know whether she will go against Nancy Hank's record or not, but I think, under favorable circumstances."

At this point Mr. Leathers expressed the belief that Belle Vera could show her heels to Nancy and turn a mile in 2:03 1/4 or 2:04. Budd Doble is confident that the mare is capable of approaching very close to the 2 minute mark.

F. D. Marble of Kent, Ohio, secretary of the A. L. Shattuck Chair company, is a guest in The Morton. Mr. Marble is in the city to place his firm's line of goods with some local commission firm. Everybody has to come here to catch the train," he said yesterday. "It is a sort of trial to the out of the way manufacturers, but when a man has furniture to sell he must go where he can be sold. We are a new firm, and I have picked up some valuable pointers while here in the city. One hobby of mine in particular has been strengthened. That is that it is better to make a small amount of first class furniture than to turn out an immense amount of cheap stuff. The tendency of the trade, I believe, is in the direction of better goods. The people are buying more elaborate and more costly furniture. They have learned that it is better to buy a little and that the best, than to fill a house with cheap and shoddy goods that look cheap and are cheap, and which give the decorations of the house a flimsy, gaudy appearance that is generally marred and spoiled by the use of the most artistic woods for furniture, and they will say we are right, and I have picked up some valuable pointers while here in the city. One hobby of mine in particular has been strengthened. That is that it is better to make a small amount of first class furniture than to turn out an immense amount of cheap stuff. The tendency of the trade, I believe, is in the direction of better goods. The people are buying more elaborate and more costly furniture. 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